

The Lord's Service

Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Sarabanda
Rejoice, the Lord is King
A Palm Sunday Antiphon*

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JOHN DARWALL / SETTING BY ANNA LAURA PAGE
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Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

ZECHARIAH 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the crucified King. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, *sung*

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW FROM THE EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet

JOSEPH BARNBY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

The Psalms

JEAN BAPTISTE FAURE / ARR. LAWRENCE GRANT



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SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
as you when here below,
our souls the joys celestial seek
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The Holy City

Stephen Adams (insert)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee

CAMIL VAN HULSE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

MEN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Bob Sokoloski

PIANIST: Arlene Sokoloski

The Slave-King Pattern

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

This is a c_____ text to Jesus' triumphal entry.
Palm Sunday is rooted in the e_____ b_____ of God.

1. The Plea (vv. 1-4)

Affection is the _____; sympathy is the _____.

Unity is v_____.

We should have the same _____ of mind.

A lot of division is NOT from d_____ e_____.

Chrysostom: nothing so foreign to us as a_____.

Calvin: _____ is the chief indicator of church's prosperity.

2. The Pattern (vv. 5-11)

Jesus rejects the way of the Z_____.

The text ascends into the very _____ of _____.

Who was in the form of God? The e_____ S_____.

The Son refused to g_____ or assert his _____.

Humility and lowliness are rooted in the m_____ of the Son.

He does not empty himself of his d_____.

He manifested his d_____ as a s_____.

Voluntary subjection: _____ humbles _____.

Should provoke re_____; E_____ death on a cross.

"Therefore," because of his humility he is _____d.

Palm Sunday is not just for _____.

We must imitate the i_____.

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Serving with JAARS

JAARS provides support in transportation, technology, media, and training to enable Bible translation and language development among unreached communities. The organization's helicopter service, located in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil, near the border with Peru, plays a pivotal role in facilitating missions to remote regions. Over the past year they have been based in North Carolina recruiting and training future pilots. The Diedrichs recently welcomed students from Liberty University School of Aeronautics, offering them a vision trip and fostering mentorship opportunities. Through shared meals, Bible studies, and late-night conversations around the fire, they aim to disciple the next generation of missionary aviators.

Jeremiah and Julie are immensely grateful for WPC's partnership, both materially and in prayer, as they continue their mission.

Announcements

Next Sunday, Fellowship is hosting an Easter Brunch after the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to contribute brunch-type food.

There is no Sunday School or evening service on Easter Sunday, 3/31.

Starting on Monday, April 8th, Adam Kuliszewski will be leading an eight-week prayer and study group of Paul Miller's book, *The Praying Life*. We will meet for prayer and a short discussion from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are interested, please contact Adam.

The Beacon of Light Pregnancy Support Center is a ministry that Westminster Church has supported for some time. They exist to reach, empower, equip and pray for women facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. You are invited to attend their annual fundraising banquet event on April 18th. You will hear an update on all their ministries. Live and taped testimonies from the women this ministry serves will be highlighted. Further information or to purchase tickets can be found at Banquet - Beacon of Light (beaconoflightpsc.org).

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

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| Worship | 10:00AM |
| Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>) | 11:45 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 PM |

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

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| Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 12:00 PM |

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Senior Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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